

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard and Walker—13.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Johnson moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. McGuire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all memorials and petitions to Congress in reference to Mail Routes be adopted without debate;

Which was read, and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Barnes introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 57:

To be entitled an act to provide for the qualification of Executors, Administrators and Guardians;

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Cottrell:

Senate bill No. 58:

To be entitled an act declaring State Scrip and Comptroller's Warrants shall be received in payment of Taxes and Fees;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Walker:

Senate bill No. 59:

To be entitled an act Incorporating the Withlacoochee river Navigation Company;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The resolution of Mr. Walls on the removal of the State Capitol,

Was read, and referred to the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The Concurrent Resolution by Mr. Wallace on the election of State Printer,

Was read and adopted.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 47:

To be entitled an act to declare Pine Barren creek in Escambia county navigable; also

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46:

Relative to a Mail Route from Haywood's Landing to Greenwood, in Jackson county, Florida; also

Memorial to Congress asking the establishment of a certain Mail Route; also

Concurrent Resolution No. 26:

Relative to a Mail Route from Live Oak to Bronson; also

Concurrent Resolution No. 33:

Relative to a Light-house at Mosquito Inlet; also

Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a Mail Route from Drifton, in Jefferson county, to Deadman's Bay, in Taylor county, via Beasley's, on the Ocilla river,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend their passage.

W. T. ORMAN, Chm'n.
G. C. BRANTLEY,
F. M. McMEEKIN,
J. H. DURKEE,
A. B. OSGOOD.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill and resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes,

Have had the same under serious consideration and are of the opinion that the passage of the bill will prove greatly to the advantage of the tax-payers of the State, and also greatly enhance the value of State scrip, and other indebtedness of the State. Your committee are fully satisfied that the provisions

of the bill are ample and sufficient to meet the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the State bonds of 1871 and 1873, and that it will check the speculation in the State scrip which has proved such a curse to our country. We, therefore, respectfully submit the same, and recommend its passage, with the following amendment.

Very respectfully,

W. WALKER, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The bill on Apportionment, made the special order for 10:30 o'clock to-day, was, on motion of Mr. Lykes, postponed to 5 o'clock P. M.

Senate bill No. 45:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to establish the office of Harbor-master for the port of Pensacola, approved December 8, 1866,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman and Osgood—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Meacham, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—11.

So the bill did not pass.

A message was received from the Governor, at the hands of his Private Secretary.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all orders or resolutions limiting debate be, and hereby are rescinded.

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 131:

To be entitled an act to fix the pay of members of the Legislature and officers and attaches thereof,

Was taken up.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:

Strike out "\$6" as pay for the members of the Legislature, and insert "\$8."

Mr. Brantley moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Howell, McKinnon, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—9.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Wallace and Walls—10.

So the Senate refused to lay on the table.

Mr. Walker offered the following as an amendment to the amendment:

Strike out "\$8," and insert "\$7."

Mr. Meacham accepted the amendment.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hill, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Wallace and Walls—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Richard, and Weeks—8.

So the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Meacham moved to reconsider the vote had on yesterday to strike out "\$8," and insert "\$6," as the per diem for Chief Clerk and Secretary;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

Strike out "for Janitor, \$2," and insert "\$3" in lieu thereof.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Wallace and Walls—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

Strike out "six dollars" for Sergeant-at-Arms and insert "seven dollars;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hill, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rule be suspended, and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Hill, Johnson, Long, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Walker and Wallace—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Richard and Weeks—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act to construct a Canal from the head-waters of the Matanzas river to the head-waters of the Halifax river, and for other purposes connected therewith,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 144 referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 137:

Beg leave to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Respectfully,

H. T. LYKES, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill No. 36:

Supplemental to an act entitled an act to provide a General Law for the incorporation of Railroads and Canals,

Was on motion of Mr. McMeekin, indefinitely postponed.

Assembly bill No. 157;

To be entitled an act making County Treasurers the Treasurers of the School Fund,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Walker and Walls—15.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Richard and Weeks—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act to Regulate Criminal Proceedings before Justices of the Peace,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Walls—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the Senate adjourned until 3.30 o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Walker, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to fix the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Seventh Judicial Circuit; also

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from Changing their Names without authority of law; also

A bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the settlement of Insolvent Estates; also

A bill to be entitled an act extending the time in which appeals can be taken and perfected to the Supreme Court; also

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a State Asylum for Lunatics, and for the education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, for the government and support thereof and appropriations therefor; also

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the second section of

an act entitled an act fixing the time for holding the terms of the Circuit Court in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, approved February 18, 1875; also

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate certain judicial proceedings when a Judge or Justice shall resign, die or be convicted on impeachment; also

A bill to be entitled an act to punish Slander,

Have had the same under consideration, and after due deliberation on each, have instructed me to report them back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Cottrell introduced

Senate bill No. 60:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Sandford Telegraph Company;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes, Was read.

Mr. Lykes moved that the further consideration of the bill and amendments be postponed until to-morrow, and that fifty copies of the same as amended be printed;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 38:

To be entitled an act in relation to County Bonds,

Was taken up on its third reading.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—17.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, McKinnon, McMeekin and Meacham—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Wallace moved that the Senate go into Executive session;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, Senate bill No. 56, to be entitled an act to re-apportion the members of the Assembly and re-district the State with Senatorial Districts,

Was taken up and read.

Mr. Lykes moved that the bill be re-committed;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 141:

To be entitled an act to prevent the removal of Mortgaged Property, or property upon which there is a lien,

Was read the second time.

Ordered to a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 117:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Railroad Company, and to authorize it to become the purchaser and assignee of the property, rights, franchises, privileges and immunities of the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Johnson, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 154:

To be entitled an act to amend section 29 of an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was taken up.

Mr. Lykes moved that the bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance and Taxation;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 147:

To be entitled an act to punish Slander,

Was taken up.

Mr. Walker moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 166:

To be entitled an act to regulate certain judicial proceedings when a Judge or Justice shall resign, die or be impeached, Was read the second time.

Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard and Walker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 168 :

To be entitled an act to amend the second section of an act entitled an act fixing the times for holding the terms of the Circuit Court in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, approved February 18, 1875,

Was read.

Mr. Wallace moved that the rule be suspended, and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage ;

Which was agreed to.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass ?

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—19.

Nays—Mr. Howell—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 54 :

To be entitled an act for the establishment of a State Institution for Lunatics, and for the Education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, for the government and support thereof and appropriations therefor.

Was, on motion of Mr. Lykes, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Assembly bill No. 137 :

To be entitled an act making appropriations for the repair of buildings at Chattahoochee, to be used as an Asylum for the Indigent Insane, and for the support, care and treatment of said Indigent Insane persons,

Was, on motion of Mr. McMeekin, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 135 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 1 and repeal sections 2 and 3 of an act to provide an Asylum for the Indigent Lunatics of the State of Florida, approved February 19, 1874, and to further provide for the establishment and government of said Asylum,

Was, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 80 :

To be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act relative to depositions taken under commission, approved January 11, 1855,

Was taken up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Orman, the Senate adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

The following communication was received from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following acts originating in the Senate, viz :

An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the Appropriations for the year 1875, and for defraying the Expenses of the State Government for the year 1876,

An act to permanently locate the County Line of Manatee and Monroe.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE F. DREW, Governor.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from the Treasurer :

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : In obedience to Senate Resolution of the 15th instant, requesting "the Treasurer of the State of Florida to report to the Senate an itemized account of allowances made out of the Internal Improvement and School and Seminary Funds within the last two years, to the several Cabinet officers," I have the honor to report as follows, viz :

To Comptroller of Public Accounts, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund, salary \$400 per annum, for two years, paid quarterly.....	\$800 00
February 17, 1875, for making index to journal of proceedings of the Board of Trustees, Internal Improvement Fund.....	200 00

February 27, 1875, part of allowance for services as Secretary for 1874.....	33 33
Total for two years.....	\$1,033 33
To State Treasurer, as Treasurer Board of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, salary \$600 per annum, for two years, paid quarterly.....	\$1,200 00
From School Fund, allowed by Board of Education to clerks in office for two years.....	420 00
Total for two years.....	\$1,620 00
To Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, Salary as Salesman of the Board of Internal Improvement, \$1,200 per annum, paid monthly.....	\$2,400 00
Jan. 20, 1875, salary as Secretary Board of Internal Improvement, part of 1873.....	112 50
Commissions on sales of School Lands as Salesman Board Education, 10 per cent. on sales made in 1875.....	557 31
Ten per cent. on sales made in 1876.....	473 98
Commissions on sales of Seminary Lands, 10 per cent. on sales made in 1875.....	29 46
Ten per cent. on sales made in 1876.....	19 19
Total for two years.....	\$3,592 44
To Attorney-General, services as Attorney for Trustees Internal Improvement Fund in case St. Johns Railway Company vs. Trustees.....	\$200 00
In case Thomas Fisher vs. Trustees.....	30 00
Total for two years.....	\$230 00

The above are the only Cabinet Officers who receive allowances from the Internal Improvement, School and Seminary Funds in addition to their salaries.

Very respectfully,

WALTER GWYNN, Treasurer.

Which was read, and two hundred copies ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 21, 1877.)
HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 114:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the Widows of this State,

Have examined the same and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

WHITFIELD WALKER, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Lykes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That as Felix B. Canova, the Recording Clerk of the Senate, is absent, and, in all probability, will be absent the remainder of the session; therefore, it is now declared that said clerkship is vacant, and that the Senate do now go into an election to fill such vacancy;

Which was adopted.

Whereupon the Senate proceeded to the election of a Recording Clerk to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Wallace placed in nomination the name of Mr. Charles Munde.

Mr. Orman placed in nomination the name of Mr. H. N. Baker.

The vote was:

Munde—Messrs. Durkee, Howell, Long, McKinnon, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

Baker—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

So Mr. Baker was elected to fill said vacancy.

Whereupon, Mr. Baker came forward and was qualified by Mr. Wallace, Notary Public.

Assembly bill No. 80 was taken under consideration.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Osgood and Walls—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 145:

To be entitled an act to fix the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Seventh Judicial Circuit,

Was read the second time.

Ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 139:

To be entitled an act to facilitate the Settlement of Insolvent Estates,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Cottrell the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson and Richard—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Howell, Lykes, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 177:

To be entitled an act Extending the time in which Appeals can be taken and perfected to the Supreme Court,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Cottrell, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 55:

To be entitled an act to revise Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and to repeal Section 38, of an act to provide for the Creation of Corporations, and to prescribe their powers and liabilities, approved August 8, 1868, and to repeal Chapter 2016 of the Laws of Florida, approved February 12, 1874,

Was, on motion of Mr. Durkee, postponed until to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 159:

To be entitled an act for the relief of R. B. Savage of the county of Brevard,

Was, on motion of Mr. Lykes, indefinitely postponed.

Assembly bill No. 164:

To be entitled an act to extend the time for the collection of Taxes for the year 1876 to the first day of May, 1877,

Was, on motion of Mr. Lykes, referred to a Special Joint Committee.

Assembly bill No. 162:

To be entitled an act for the relief of William Wagner of

Dade county and Isaiah Hall and John Shurrer of Monroe county,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Howell, Long, Osgood and Wallace—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 47:

To be entitled an act to declare Pine Barren Creek in Escambia county Navigable,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McGuire, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1877.)

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 33:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874; also,

Amendments to Assembly bill No. 141:

To be entitled an act to prevent the removal of Mortgaged Property, or property upon which there is a Lien, have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

Senate bill No. 33:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—16.

Nays—Mr. Howell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 141:

To be entitled an act to prevent the removal of Mortgaged Property, or property on which there is a Lien,

Was read.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the bill was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Osgood and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 114:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Widows and Orphans of this State,

Was taken up.

Mr. Barnes moved to strike out the preamble.

Mr. Lykes moved to lay the motion on the table,

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hendry, Hill, Howell, Lykes, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Walls—11.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, McMeekin, Patterson and Weeks—7.

So the motion to lay upon the table was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hendry, Hill, Lykes, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee and McMeekin—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Lykes moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed.

Mr. Wallace moved to lay the motion on the table:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McGuire moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

John A. Henderson, to be State Attorney of the Second Judicial District.

M. A. Clonts, to be County Judge of Suwannee county.

THURSDAY, February 22, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Osgood moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary.

Mr. Durkee introduced Senate bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act defining the duties of Commissioners of Pilotage;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Mr. Orman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the State be required to furnish for the information of the Senate, the practice heretofore had in his office in reference to the collection and disposi-